

Phil lost his battle to cancer earlier this month at the age of 65. He is survived by his loving wife Lisa and proud sons Philip Junior and Mark. Philip Junior is a computer engineer and Mark, a member of my staff.

May you find calm seas and beautiful new horizons, Phil. You will be missed.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 415. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 5959. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 295. Concurrent resolution expressing the deepest appreciation of Congress to the families of members of the United States Armed Forces.

The message further announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the bill (S. 2062) to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes, and requests a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WATT, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. BACHUS, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. PEARCE.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill (H.R. 3890) to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to impose import sanctions on Burmese

gemstones, expand the number of individuals against whom the visa ban in applicable, expand the blocking of assets and other prohibited activities, and for other purposes, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

#### MEASURES REFERRED ON JULY 16, 2008

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3032. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates (for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 6296. An act to extend through 2013 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 299. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 385. Concurrent resolution condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 295. Concurrent resolution expressing the deepest appreciation of Congress to the families of members of the United States Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 415. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 5959. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7137. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a 2008 Annual Report on the threats posed by

weapons of mass destruction, ballistic missiles and cruise missiles; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7138. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting notification of the Department's decision to cancel the public-private competitions for the Naval Supply Systems Command's Fuels Services in Jacksonville, Florida, Puget Sound, Washington, and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7139. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting notification of the Department's decision to cancel the public-private competitions for the Naval Supply Systems Command's Fuels Services in three locations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7140. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, its semiannual Monetary Policy Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7141. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule for Amendment 30A to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-AV34) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7142. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; E911 Requirements for IP-Enabled Service Providers" (FCC 08-151) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7143. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone Regulations (including 2 regulations beginning with USCG-2008-0065)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7144. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Patapsco River, Middle Branch, Baltimore, MD" ((RIN1625-AA87)(USCG-2008-0272)) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7145. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone Regulations: Annual Events Requiring Safety Zones in the Captain of the Port Detroit Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(USCG-2008-0218)) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7146. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone Regulation: Waters Adjacent 10th Avenue Marine Terminal, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA87)(USCG-2008-0569)) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7147. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S.